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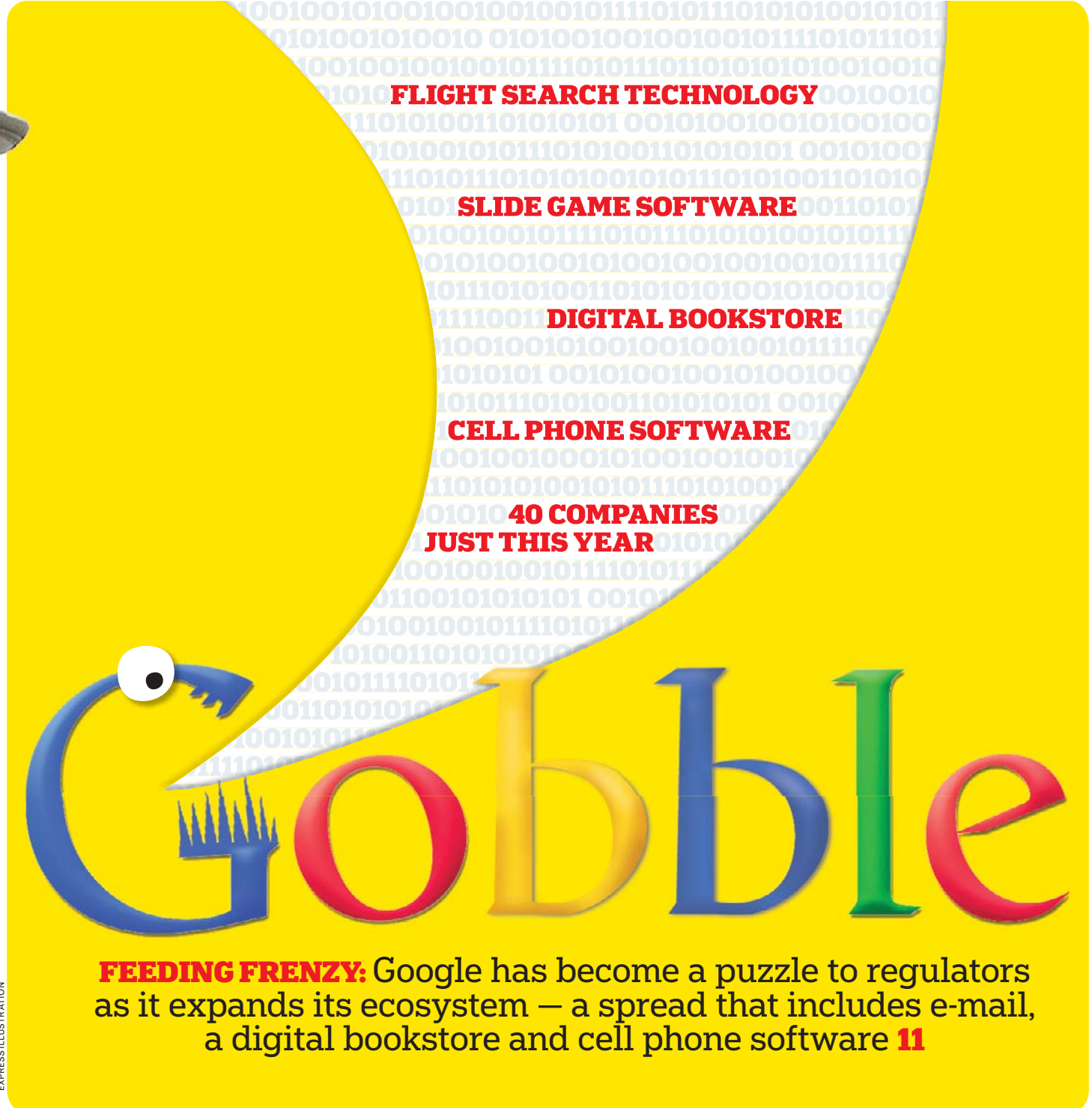
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## eye openers

### Lost: Beloved Wallet. Answers to ‘Sparky.’

A Florida man treated his lost wallet like a lost dog, putting up fliers, creating a website and even studying surveillance footage to figure out what happened to his \$2,000 in cash. A girl who had taken John Teeter’s wallet from a Subway counter got in touch with him on Friday. (AP)



“As far as I’m concerned, we are an adult playground, and we’re going to be an adult wonderland.”

— OSCAR GOODMAN, MAYOR OF LAS VEGAS, ON “THE STRIP-PERMOBILE,” A TRUCK WITH CLEAR SIDES CONTAINING SCANTILY CLAD WOMEN. IT DELIVERED GIFTS TO CHARITY FRIDAY.

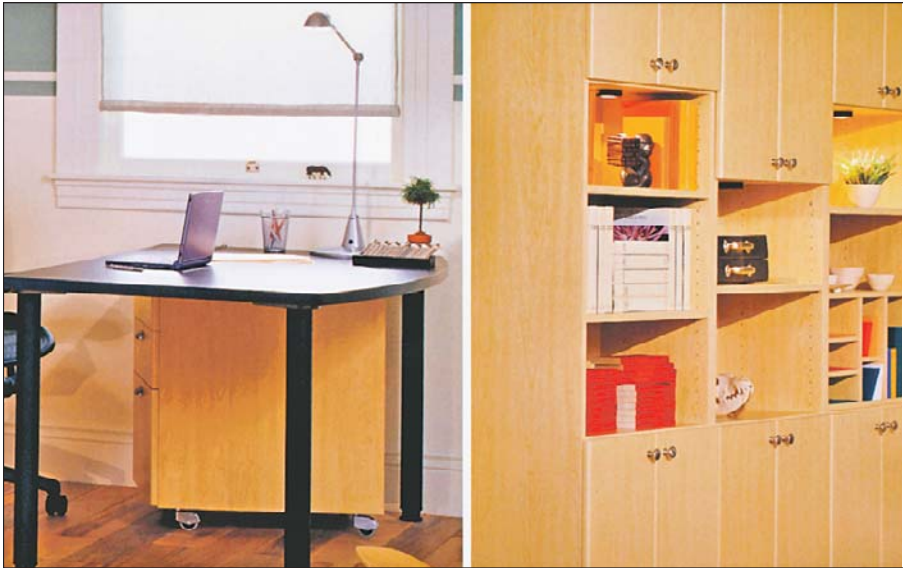
### Inmates Also Will Have Nap Time, Animal Crackers

Washington state’s Corrections Department says it’s going to save money by recycling inmate uniforms, switching to juice boxes and providing shorter socks. The agency says it expects to save \$120,000 each year by replacing self-serve cafeteria juice fountains with juice boxes. Shorter socks? That’s another \$22,000 annual savings. Larger cost reductions include the closing of two minimum-security prisons. (AP)

### The Big Picture



**SEVERAL PEOPLE** worked for six days to build a giant snowman they named Milocinek, seen here on Saturday. The mammoth frozen figure is 31 feet tall and resides in Trzebnica, Poland. (AP)



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## THIS WEEK



### Assange Hearing

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's extradition fight begins Tuesday in a British court hearing. Sweden is seeking to extradite him for questioning about allegations of rape.

### Obama Talks Employment

President Obama will discuss ideas for creating jobs and making the U.S. more competitive when he hosts about 20 CEOs on Wednesday. The invitation list has not been released yet.

### Say Adieu, Larry King

Television talk-show host Larry King will wrap up his tenure on "Larry King Live" on Thursday night, as the nightly CNN program's 25-year reign comes to its conclusion.

## Nation

# Mammoth Storm Wallops Midwest

Blizzard causes a tear in Metrodome's roof, snarls travel in region

### Chicago

A powerful, gusty storm dumped mounds of snow across the upper Midwest on Sunday, closing major highways in several states, canceling more than 1,400 flights in Chicago and collapsing the roof of the Minnesota Vikings' stadium.

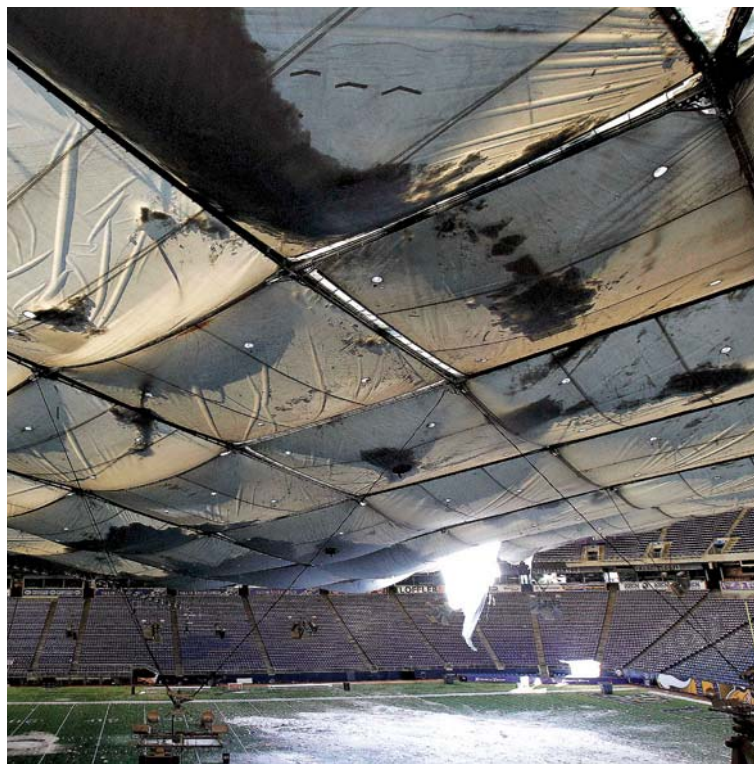
At least two weather-related deaths were reported as the storm dropped nearly 2 feet of snow in parts of Minnesota and marched east.

In Minneapolis, the heavy snow left the Metrodome decidedly unready for football as its inflatable Teflon roof tore open. No one was hurt, but the Vikings' game against the New York Giants was moved to Detroit's Ford Field. The day of the game had already been pushed from Sunday to Monday because the storm kept the Giants from reaching Minneapolis.

In the Chicago area, wind gusts of up to 50 mph and wind chills well below 0 degrees Fahrenheit were expected, along with up to 8 inches of snow.

Major highways in several states were closed due to poor driving conditions and accidents.

In Indianapolis, police said a man fatally stabbed his wife, then died four



Additional snow falls through the torn roof of the Metrodome in Minneapolis on Sunday.



### Stadium Stress

Metrodome officials are trying to repair the roof in time for the Minnesota Vikings' next home game, Dec. 20 against the Chicago Bears. The Vikings begin the final year of their lease at the Metrodome next year, and they have lobbied for a new building for about 10 years. Two groups seeking to bring an NFL franchise to Los Angeles have contacted the team, but it says it is "committed to finding a solution in Minnesota." (AP)

## 17.1

The amount, in inches, of snow that fell in Minneapolis-St. Paul during the storm that began Friday and ended Saturday night. National Weather Service meteorologist James McQuirter called the storm one of the five largest to hit the Twin Cities, as some communities in the area got more than 21 inches. (AP)

blocks from his home Sunday morning when his vehicle hit a tree after he lost control on a slippery road.

Tod Pritchard of Wisconsin Emergency Management said Sunday afternoon there were no reports of fatal crashes in the state.

Pritchard said travel was expected to become even more difficult Sunday afternoon because temperatures were falling and at a certain point, road salt would no longer be effective. The storm had already dropped up to 18 inches of snow in parts of northern and central Wisconsin, he said.

Minnesota state highways also reopened, though officials warned that many were still dangerous.

Authorities said Sunday that weather played a role in the death of Douglas Munneke, 55, of St. Cloud, Minn. He died of a heart attack after collapsing while he was snow-blowing his driveway Saturday. SOPHIA TAREEN (AP)

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# Doctored Past, Now Uncovered

Pilot posed for years as a top cardiologist, leading researcher

Milwaukee

He seemed like Superman, able to guide jets through the skies and tubes through blocked arteries. As a cardiologist and United Airlines captain, William Hamman taught doctors and pilots to keep hearts and planes from crashing.

He shared millions in grants, had university and hospital posts, and led a teamwork training session at an American College of Cardiology convention last spring.

But it turns out Hamman isn't even a doctor. The AP found he had no medical residency, fellowship, doctoral degree or the 15 years of clinical experience he claimed. He attended medical school for a few years but withdrew.

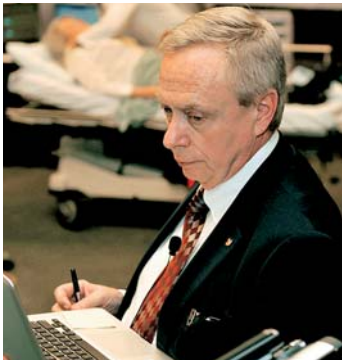
Hindsight Is ...

Looking back, the careful wording in some of William Hamman's comments about his medical qualifications is apparent. "I couldn't handle a full-time cardiology practice" with the demands of being a pilot, he told at least two reporters. (AP)

His pilot qualifications do not appear to be in question — he holds the highest type of license a pilot can have, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

However, United grounded him in August after his medical and doctoral degrees evaporated. He resigned June 15 as an educator and researcher at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., a hospital spokeswoman said. He lives in Michigan.

Doctors who worked with the



GREGORY SMITH/AP

It was discovered this year that pilot William Hamman lied about being a doctor.

58-year-old pilot are stunned, not just at the ruse, but also because many of them valued his work.

"I was shocked to hear the news," said Dr. W. Douglas Weaver, who was president of a cardiology group that had given Hamman a contract for up to \$250,000 plus travel a few years ago.

The American Medical Association was still going to let him lead

a seminar, altering his biography and switching his title from "Dr." to "Captain" on course materials. It was canceled after top officials found out.

As long ago as 1992, an FAA workshop listed Hamman as an M.D. for United. Journals listing him with M.D. and Ph.D. degrees are being contacted in case they want to correct the work.

Hamman did not return phone calls and e-mails seeking comment.

There is no indication Hamman ever treated a patient.

After fessing up, Hamman asked the AMA and the cardiology group to let him continue, saying, "the work is the work."

They decided that a lie is a lie.

"He really didn't need to be a physician to do what he was doing," Weaver said. "He could have been successful without titling himself."

MARILYNN MARCHIONE (AP)

# Officials: Madoff Son Killed Self

New York

The hanging death of jailed financier Bernard Madoff's eldest son in New York City was formally



Madoff

ruled a suicide by the city's medical examiner's office on Sunday.

The body of Mark Madoff was found Saturday in his loft as his 2-year-old son slept nearby. It was the second anniversary of the day his father was arrested in the worst investment fraud in U.S. history.

Mark Madoff had been targeted by authorities as someone who failed to blow the whistle on his father's fraud, but he had maintained that he alerted authorities when his father confessed.

Bernard Madoff is serving a 150-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to fraud.

LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)



**Top Talkers:** Christine O'Donnell's TV ad declaration "I'm not a witch" during her U.S. Senate campaign in Delaware topped this year's best quotes, according to Fred Shapiro, a Yale University librarian who released his fifth annual list of the most notable quotations of the year. Her quote tied for first place with "I'd like my life back," the lament made in May by BP CEO Tony Hayward after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. (AP)

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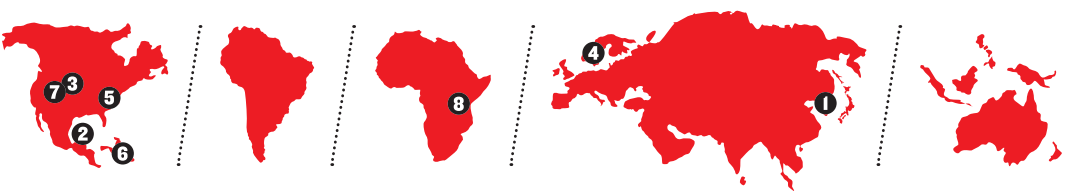
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# Weekend Review



## 1 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA S. Korea's Lee Optimistic Reunification Is Near

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak declared Thursday that the reunification of Korea is near, a surprising statement at a time of soaring tensions on the divided peninsula. Still, on Friday, North Korea accused South Korea and the U.S. of pursuing a policy of hostility. (AP)

## 2 CANCUN, MEXICO UN Climate Plan OK'd

A U.N. conference of 193 nations on Saturday adopted a modest climate deal creating a fund to help the developing world go green, though it deferred for another year the tough work of carving out deeper reductions in carbon emissions causing Earth to steadily warm. (AP)

## 3 BILLINGS, MONT. \$2.2M

**The price fetched at auction** Friday for the only U.S. flag not captured or lost during Custer's Last Stand at the Battle of Little Bighorn. The flag had been the property of the Detroit Institute of Arts, which paid just \$54 for it in 1895. (AP)



## 4 OSLO, NORWAY Nobel Ceremony Marks Winner With Empty Seat

Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee Thorbjørn Jagland on Friday placed the Nobel Peace Prize on an empty chair amid a standing ovation. The honoree, Liu Xiaobo, is serving an 11-year sentence in China for urging political changes. It was the first time in 74 years the prize was not handed over. (AP)



**5 "I've loved you in the best ways I've known how. All I ever really needed was you, your love, your presence, to make my life complete."**

— A LETTER FROM ELIZABETH EDWARDS TO HER CHILDREN. EDWARDS' OLDEST DAUGHTER, CATE, SHARED THE PASSAGE DURING HER EULOGY AT EDWARDS' FUNERAL ON SATURDAY IN RALEIGH, N.C.

## 6 PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI Palin Tours Haiti Clinics

Ex-Alaska governor Sarah Palin began a visit to Haiti on Saturday, visiting cholera clinics and avoiding crowds. She was a guest of the Rev. Franklin Graham, whose aid group works in the country. (AP)

## 7 SALT LAKE CITY Jury Finds Man Guilty In Elizabeth Smart Case

A federal jury on Friday convicted street preacher Brian David Mitchell of snatching a then-14-year-old Elizabeth Smart, now 23, and forcing sex on her while he held her captive for nine months. (AP)

## 8 NAIROBI, KENYA Lungs Force Navratilova To Quit Kilimanjaro Hike



Martina Navratilova was released from a Nairobi hospital on Sunday, three days after her liquid-filled lungs forced her to abandon her attempt to climb Africa's highest mountain. Navratilova said she knew by Wednesday she wouldn't be able to summit the 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The 54-year-old, who had a bout with breast cancer this year, reached nearly 14,800 feet. (AP)





Dr. Garth Graham, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health at HHS, administers the seasonal flu vaccine to Tom Joyner.

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## In Brief



People watch high waves smash against a wall on Sunday in Sidon, Lebanon.

## BEIRUT

## Fierce Storms Batter Middle East Countries

Heavy rains and fierce winds pummeled countries across the Middle East over the weekend, sinking a ship off Israel's coast and killing a woman in Lebanon whose car was crushed when a tree fell on it. The storm brought unusually cold temperatures, below freezing in some spots. (AP)

## LONDON

## UK: Protesters Made Contact With Royals

Student protesters made physical contact with the wife of Prince Charles during an attack on the couple's car that has sparked a review of royal security, a British government minister said Sunday. Home Secretary Theresa May told Sky News that "there was contact made," although she would not confirm reports Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, had been poked with a stick through an open car window. (AP)

## TEHRAN, IRAN

## Cables Show Iran Has No 'Single Ally,' Leader Says

U.S. diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks show Iran's hard-line policies have left it without "a single ally" among neighboring countries, an Iranian opposition leader said Sunday in a direct challenge to Tehran's official view that Washington seeks to poison relations in the region. (AP)

# Attacks Rock Sweden's Capital

Police officials fear blasts are first terror incidents in 3 decades

## Stockholm

No one died except for the suspected bomber, but two explosions in Sweden's capital tore at the fabric of this tolerant and open nation — a society that hadn't seen a terrorist attack in more than three decades.

Two people were wounded in central Stockholm on Saturday in what appeared to be the first suicide bombing in the history of Sweden, which has been spared the major terrorist strikes seen in several other European countries.

A car exploded in the middle of the seasonal shopping frenzy, shooting flames and causing several smaller blasts as people ran screaming from the scene. The blast that killed the alleged bomber



Swedish police said Sunday that two blasts in Stockholm were an act of terrorism.

came moments later a few blocks away from the car explosion on a busy pedestrian street.

Experts said the alleged bomber probably didn't succeed in detonating all the explosives and could have

caused much greater damage.

Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt on Sunday said the attack was "unacceptable" but urged Swedes not to jump to "premature conclusions" that "create

## Suicide Bomb Hits Afghanistan

Deadliest attack this month kills 6 NATO troops, 2 Afghans

## Kabul, Afghanistan

An explosives-packed minibus blew up at the entrance of a joint NATO-Afghan base in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing six NATO troops and two Afghan soldiers as they prepared to head out on patrol.

NATO has claimed improvements in security after months of patrols and strikes on insurgents in Kandahar province, but Sunday's blast — the deadliest attack on coalition troops this month — shows the area is still far from safe.

### The Securing of Kandahar's Zhari District

U.S. and Afghan forces launched a major operation in September to secure Zhari, a lush farming region of irrigation canals and grape vineyards that the Taliban have used as a staging area for attacks in nearby Kandahar city and other parts of the south. Zhari has remained insurgent territory despite five major NATO operations in recent years. In 2006, a Canadian-led force launched a concerted push in Zhari and nearby Panjwai district, driving out the Taliban but at a cost of 28 coalition lives. Months later, the Taliban were back. (AP)

The assault comes days ahead of a major White House review of its Afghan strategy following President Obama's decision last year to send 30,000 American reinforcements in a bid to reverse gains by the Taliban since they were ousted from power in the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

Afghan officials said Sunday's

suicide attack took place in Kandahar's Zhari district, where Mullah Mohammad Omar organized the Taliban in the early 1990s. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the blast, saying the insurgent group was retaliating for attacks on its fighters in the area in recent months.

HEIDI VOGT AND MIRWAIS KHAN (AP)

## Backstory

While police haven't confirmed Saturday's attack was motivated by Islamist views, an audio file sent to Swedish news agency TT shortly before the blast referred to jihad, Sweden's military presence in Afghanistan and a cartoon by a Swedish artist that depicted the Prophet Muhammad as a dog, enraging the Muslim world. It hasn't been verified that the speaker is the person who set off the explosives, but police have said they are investigating. (AP)

tension which paints pictures that are then difficult to change."

"Sweden is an open society ... which has stated a wish that people should be able to have different backgrounds, believe in different gods ... and live side by side in our open society," Reinfeldt said.

MALIN RISING (AP)

## Egypt Activists: New Parliament Is Illegitimate

## Cairo

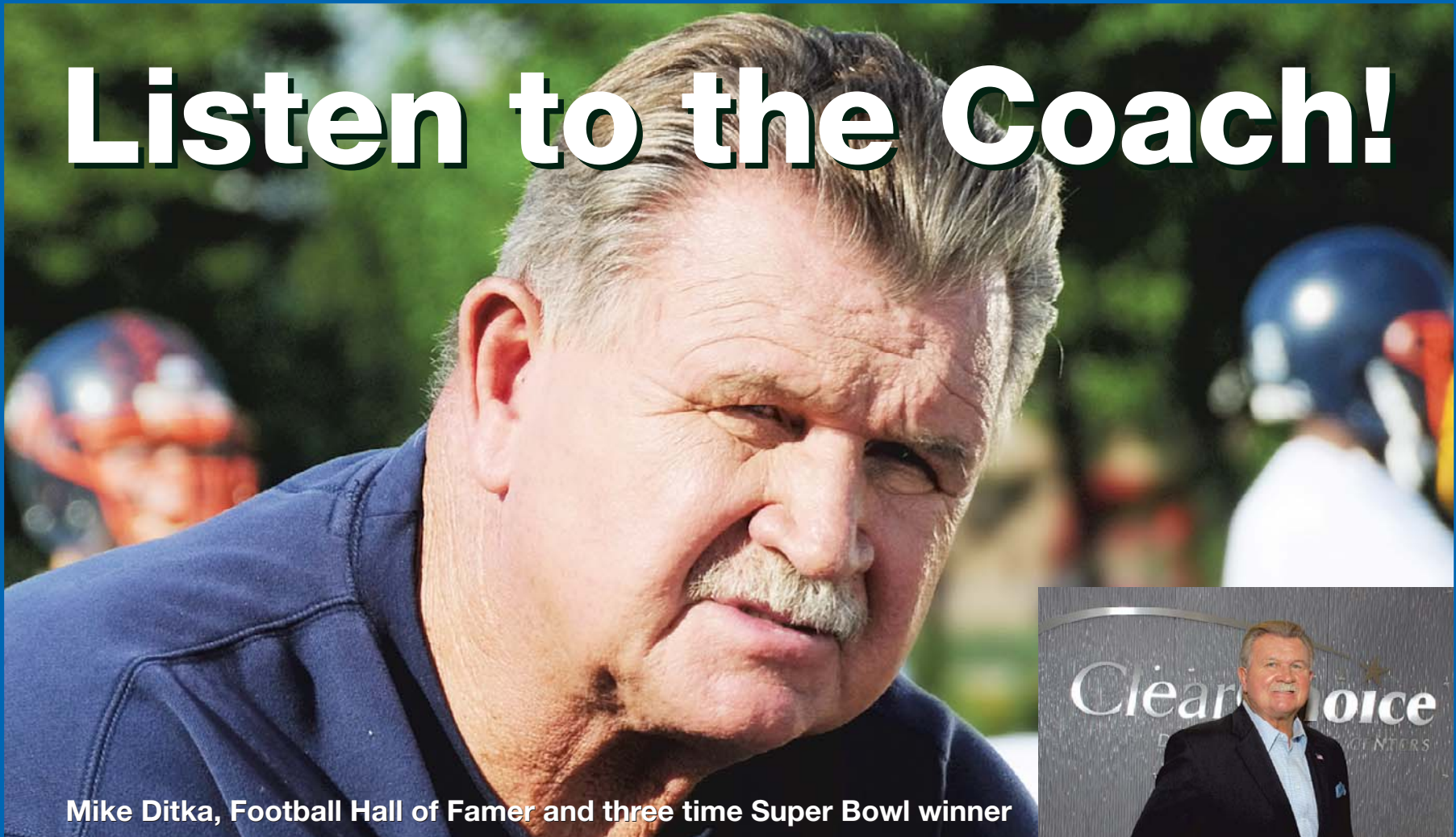
Hundreds of Egyptian opposition activists protested Sunday over what they said were bogus elections that had produced an illegitimate parliament, even as the president hailed the vote as a "milestone" for democracy.

The protest took place outside the Supreme Court in downtown Cairo shortly after President Hosni Mubarak congratulated the ruling party for its sweeping victory.

The opposition, and international rights activists, have condemned the elections for widespread rigging. Mubarak acknowledged there had been violence and vote-buying in the election, which took place over two rounds on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, but he described the results as lawful. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)



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Personal Finance

The fear that kept small investors from participating in one of the greatest bull markets in history may be losing its grip.

Economists are raising their estimates for economic growth, and jobless claims have fallen 15 percent from a year ago. There's even good news about two symbols of Wall Street recklessness. The government sold its last stock in Citigroup Inc. on Tuesday and could do the same soon with its stake in American International Group Inc.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at 1,240 Friday, surpassing the level from before the financial meltdown in September



Optimism about stocks can feed on itself and may set off a market that rises smartly.

2008. And a survey by the American Association of Individual Investors showed the number of people bullish about stocks outnumbered those bearish by the widest margin in more than three years.

Arnold Espe, the manager of USAA's Cornerstone Strategy Fund, predicts investors next year will

put more money into U.S. stock mutual funds than they take out for the first time since 2006. Says Espe: "We're setting up for a pretty good market."

Trying to guess what individual investors will do next is difficult, and the optimists could be dead wrong. There are plenty of

Meanwhile ...

The White House expressed confidence Sunday that President Obama's deal with Republicans will pass by year's end, averting a Jan. 1 increase in income taxes for nearly all Americans, even the highest earners. Ahead of a test vote in the Senate on Monday, Obama adviser David Axelrod predicted the president's compromise deal would win out despite a tougher sell in the House. (AP)

reasons investors might balk at buying U.S. stocks. But if Espe is right, the market could rise smartly. Optimism about stocks can feed on itself. If small investors put back into the market even a fraction of the tens of billions that they took out in the past year, it could set off a virtuous cycle of buying.

BERNARD CONDON (AP)

# 'Restocking Fees' Could Hit Buyers

Albany, N.Y.

Plan on returning some gifts this holiday? It may cost you up to 25 percent of the price of the item and, if it was purchased online, you may not have a clue about that "restocking fee."

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, wants the Federal Trade Commission to end that. He wants the FTC to determine whether failing to disclose the restocking fee is a deceptive practice and to require retailers to prominently display that the fee will be charged.

"While an ever-increasing number of retailers are starting to charge restocking fees, the disclosure of these fees has hardly kept pace," Schumer said. "Customers have a right to know that ... they could be held responsible for up to 25 percent of the original cost."

The FTC says it currently has no position on the issue, said spokeswoman Claudia Bourne Farrell. (AP)



**How Smart Is Your Card?** If you've traveled to Europe recently, you may have had the frustrating experience of being unable to use a U.S.-issued credit card for automated transactions. A new prepaid smart card from Travelex solves that problem by using the microchip and PIN technology that is standard in credit cards in Europe. The new Cash Passport card can be bought in either euros or pounds from Travelex retail stores. (AP)

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# Is Google Growing Too Big?

Web companies fear the ever-expansive reach of the ever-evolving Internet giant

## Washington

Google this year has been gobbling up Web companies that look nothing like Google, from a social gaming start-up to a firm that powers most online sales for the airline industry.

As the tech giant spreads its reach, it's making new enemies who fear that once Google steps onto their turf it will use its almighty search engine to quash them. Now, these critics are pushing antitrust officials to block some of Google's mergers or build a blockbuster case against the search behemoth, reminiscent of the government's battle with Microsoft.

Yet as Google expands its ecosystem of products — a spread that already includes e-mail, a digital bookstore and cell phone software — it's only become a bigger puzzle for regulators.

Antitrust law was crafted with brick-and-mortar companies in mind whose business lines fit into neat categories, not a company like Google whose influence is spreading lightning-quick into different markets that are connected only by the Internet.

Google says its acquisitions help the company build a bigger menu of useful products for consumers. And the tech company accuses competitors of waging their battles against the company in Washington, rather than going toe to toe on the Web.

"We're a big company. We're disruptive. We're going to get scrutiny from governments around the world,

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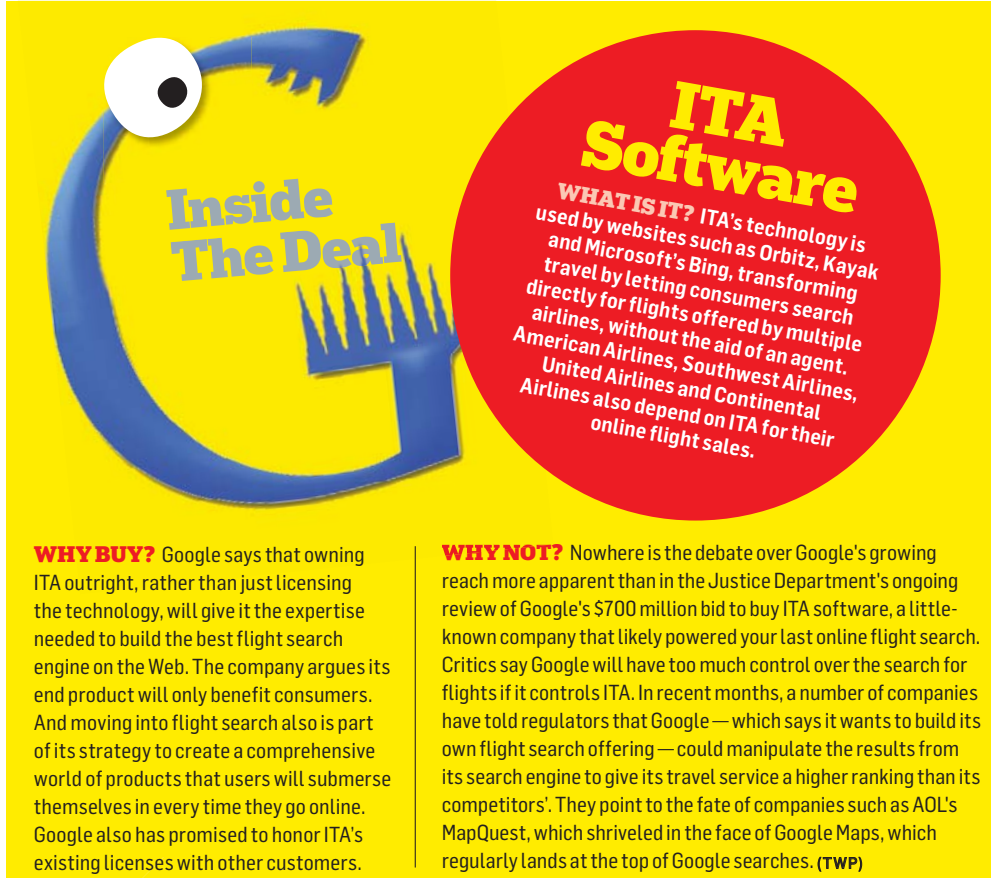
The total amount Google spent on buying 40 companies through the end of the third quarter this year. In addition to buying ITA, Google also paid \$179 million for Slide, a start-up that makes games and applications for social networks such as Facebook and MySpace. It also reportedly tried to buy Groupon, a dominant social networking coupon site, for \$6 billion, though the offer was turned down. (TWP)

**GROUPON**  
Collective Buying Power

and that just comes with the territory," said Adam Kovacevich, Google's senior manager of global communications and public affairs.

U.S. antitrust enforcers at the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission are examining Google carefully with each big merger it proposes. But they have yet to allege the company is acting illegally as a dominant player on the Web.

Regulators elsewhere have begun to act. The European Commission said last month it is investigating charges that Google is suppressing search results for companies offering rival services, such as price comparisons for shoppers. The Texas attorney general is looking into similar allegations.



**Inside The Deal**

**ITA Software**

**WHAT IS IT?** ITA's technology is used by websites such as Orbitz, Kayak and Microsoft's Bing, transforming travel by letting consumers search directly for flights offered by multiple airlines, without the aid of an agent. American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines and Continental Airlines also depend on ITA for their online flight sales.

**WHY BUY?** Google says that owning ITA outright, rather than just licensing the technology, will give it the expertise needed to build the best flight search engine on the Web. The company argues its end product will only benefit consumers. And moving into flight search also is part of its strategy to create a comprehensive world of products that users will submerge themselves in every time they go online. Google also has promised to honor ITA's existing licenses with other customers.

**WHY NOT?** Nowhere is the debate over Google's growing reach more apparent than in the Justice Department's ongoing review of Google's \$700 million bid to buy ITA software, a little-known company that likely powered your last online flight search. Critics say Google will have too much control over the search for flights if it controls ITA. In recent months, a number of companies have told regulators that Google — which says it wants to build its own flight search offering — could manipulate the results from its search engine to give its travel service a higher ranking than its competitors'. They point to the fate of companies such as AOL's MapQuest, which shriveled in the face of Google Maps, which regularly lands at the top of Google searches. (TWP)



## Wi-Fi Woes

**Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal** on Friday demanded that Google provide access to data it collected from public Wi-Fi networks. The Democratic U.S. senator-elect said he and the state Consumer Protection Department issued a "civil investigative demand," like a subpoena, that says Google must provide access to the data by Dec. 17 or face being taken to court. (AP)

Antitrust officials everywhere are essentially turning over the same question: Can Google compete fairly with other companies when its go-to search engine determines what users find — or don't find — on the Internet?

The Justice Department, and the FTC, declined to comment or share its views on Google. But the agencies are watching the firm's moves closely. Google revealed in August that the Justice Department had requested more information from the company as it decides whether to greenlight its merger with ITA, which was announced in July.

There also are hints that federal officials are concerned about the company's growing dominance.

At a conference this month organized by Consumer Watchdog, an attorney for the FTC laid out potential arguments proving Google is illegally abusing its market power.

"You may well see something soon from the U.S. agencies," said Melanie Sabo, assistant director for anti-competitive practices at the FTC's bureau of competition, who said she was only speaking for herself and not the agency. "But I can't promise anything."

Antitrust enforcers, however eager to pursue Google, face a number of legal challenges as they look at the company's mergers and its position on the Web.

For decades, courts have resisted blocking marriages between companies that don't compete head to head — precisely the kind of deal Google has been pursuing ever since the Justice Department threatened in 2008 to sue the company over a proposed partnership with direct rival Yahoo.

Even if Justice attorneys don't block the ITA merger outright, they could add conditions to the deal limiting some of Google's actions — an approach the Obama administration has adopted in the past with other companies.

Google is so complex, however, that government officials are still educating themselves on basic questions about the company because of its complexity.

"You can have a lot of fights over what market you're worried about when you're dealing with the Google world," said a senior official familiar with the company. "It's a little bit more complicated. Is the market advertising? Is the market search?" **JIA LYNN YANG** (THE WASHINGTON POST)





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## Wake Up, Buddy

Normally, the only words one exchanges with a seatmate on the MARC train are, "May I sit here?" And, of course you may, so a single nod finishes the conversation. But the other day, a man asked me, "Will you wake me up in Odenton?" Before I could think it over, I nodded, so he sat down and promptly conked out.

Other than reading, catching some Z's is probably the most popular commuter train activity. The closest I've come so far, however, is letting my eyelids droop for a few minutes. Not because I haven't been tired —

there's something about the combination of a fitful night, the gentle rumble of the tracks and getting too cozy in your winter coat that's better than Benadryl.

But no matter how drowsy I get,

I refuse to doze off, because I've seen too many people do too many embarrassing things. There have been so many snorers that I've lost count (although, thankfully, most of them have been the peacefully rhythmic type). A girl sitting next to me once passed out as soon as we left Union Station, and then proceeded to plop her head on my shoulder. And let's not speak of the droolers.

Most impressively, there's the guy who remained in his slumber even after we'd pulled into Washington — the last stop — and almost the entire car had emptied out.

A nudge from another passenger got him to stir, and he revealed that these scenes were a common occurrence in his 20 years of commuting between Baltimore and D.C. Going the other direction, he's often woken up in Perryville and needed to hitch a ride back home. Once, his siesta was so deep that he never even noticed the train going out of service and found himself locked inside. Luckily, some frantic knocking kept him from spending the entire night trapped.

My mind was so occupied with all of these stories that I didn't notice we were approaching Odenton. But, thankfully, my sleeping seatmate perked up at just the right time. "Have a good night," he said as he grabbed his bag and headed for the exit. I nodded. And pinched myself to make sure I wouldn't nod off.



**METRO PULSE**  
**In honor of Brickskeller closing, what's your favorite beer from around the world?**  
"De Koninck. It's Belgian, and it's right in between a Guinness and a light beer. The first time I had it was five years ago with my wife, who's also Belgian."  
**Diego Martin**, DUPONT CIRCLE

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## In Brief

## ANNAPOLIS, MD.

## Mooney Elected to Chair Md. State Republicans



Mooney

Conservative former state senator Alex Mooney has been elected chairman of the Maryland Republican Party. Mooney says he'll remain committed to his conservative principles and says he might "take on some social issues." He's pledging to embrace tea party groups and has a detailed fundraising plan. (AP)

## WHEATON, MD.

## Police Warn of 4 Attacks On Women in Past Weeks

Montgomery County police say four women have been attacked at night over the past several weeks in the Wheaton and Aspen Hill areas. Three of the victims were sexually assaulted, and one was raped. Police aren't sure whether the crimes are connected. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

## Officer Jailed for Use of Excessive Force in D.C.

A D.C. police officer is spending the next two weekends in jail and will be on probation for two years after using excessive force while arresting a Washington man earlier this year. The officer, 36-year-old Kisha Coley, pleaded guilty to two counts of assault in October and was sentenced Friday. As part of her plea agreement, she has resigned from the Metropolitan Police Department. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Sunday, Dec. 12

## District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers ..... 6-4-9  
Mid-day DC 4 ..... 2-0-9-5  
D.C. Five (Sun.) ..... 0-8-6-9-0

## Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 ..... 8-5-3  
Mid-day Pick 4 ..... 6-9-0-0

## Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 ..... 3-1-3  
Mid-day Pick 4 ..... 0-4-0-0  
Mid-day Cash 5 ..... 1-2-8-15-32

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location.

## Study Explains D.C. Lead Threat

New reports indicate need for change in standards for safety

## Washington

The latest research on the District's decade-long effort to reduce lead in its drinking water is likely to reverberate well beyond the city's borders and add a chapter to one of the more tortuous public health chronicles of the past century.

A report released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the water supplied to almost 15,000 homes might still contain dangerous levels of lead

despite the partial replacement of lead pipes at the homes from 2004 to 2008.

The findings called into question what was once one of the city's chief methods of mitigating lead contamination of drinking water. The federal government ordered the District's water authority — now called D.C. Water — to carry out those replacements, but the CDC study found that they didn't solve the problem.

Lead poisoning was once thought to be a serious threat only when it caused such dramatic problems as personality changes, anemia and kidney failure. But lead is now considered a toxin for which

there is no safe level, especially in small children. For them, even low concentrations in the blood

**"This really means that the whole way we've thought about this problem ... has to change."**

— ELLEN SILBERGELD, A PROFESSOR AT THE JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SPEAKING ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.

are associated with reduced IQ, attention deficit and antisocial behavior.

Now, thanks to the new study,

this much is clear: Even when the known exposures to lead are minimized and a city meets the federal government's safety standards, some children may be getting a worrisome amount of lead from the water they drink.

"This really means that the whole way that we've thought about this problem, and have developed public health policies to address it, has to change," said Ellen Silbergeld, a professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who serves on a working group of the federal government's Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

washingtonpost.com



MICHAELS WILLIAMSON/TWP

**ERIC SHEPTOCK, RIGHT**, visits the Howard University College of Medicine on Nov. 23 to give a speech to physicians about homelessness. Sheptock has 4,548 Facebook friends, 839 Twitter followers, two blogs and an e-mail account with 1,600 unread messages. Being homeless has become Sheptock's full-time occupation. It's work that has given him purpose. But it's also work that has perpetuated his homelessness and, in a way, glorified it. | [postlocal.com](http://postlocal.com)

## Brickskeller's Owners Reveal Plans for Bar

## Washington

The new owners of the Brickskeller saloon, known beyond Washington for its huge beer menu, plan to restore the bar's original look.

Megan Merrifield says she and her husband are buying the property. When they take over later this month, its name will change to "Rock Creek."

Merrifield says they want to keep the bar's regular customers coming back. The bar may get new hardwood floors and upgrades in the bathrooms. Other than that, Merrifield says, they don't intend to change much.



The Brickskeller is slated to close Dec. 23. Merrifield says she hopes to reopen the bar Dec. 26. The Brickskeller has been open since 1957 and has been in the Guinness Book of World Records for its selection of 1,200 beers. (AP)

**600** The approximate number of people who protested the opening of a clinic in Germantown, Md., that's believed to be offering late-term abortions. The Saturday protest was organized by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, which says "Maryland is becoming a safe haven" for abortion doctors because of "the laxity of the law." (AP)



# Redskins Left Kicking Themselves

Blunders on special teams open door for Tampa Bay victory

**17** | **16** 

Bucs	0	3	6	8	17
Redskins	0	10	0	6	16

To win a low-scoring game on a wet field in December, it helps to have the better kicking game. That's exactly why the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are still very much alive in the postseason chase.

The Redskins missed two short field goals, fumbled away a kick-off and flubbed an extra point that would have tied the game with nine seconds to play. Meanwhile, Tampa Bay's Connor Barth made all three of his field goals, and Josh Freeman led a fourth-quarter comeback for the fifth time this season in Sunday's 17-16 victory.

The Buccaneers (8-5) broke a two-game losing streak and were buoyed by the news that the Green Bay Packers were beat by the Detroit Lions.

Freeman hit Kellen Winslow for a 41-yard scoring pass with 3:47 to play for Tampa Bay's only touchdown. The Redskins marched downfield and pulled within a point on Donovan McNabb's 6-yard touchdown pass to Santana Moss on fourth down. However, on the extra point, Nick Sundberg's slightly high snap in the steady rain went through holder Hunter Smith's hands, and Tampa Bay recovered the ball.

The gaffe was symbolic of another lost season for the Redskins (5-8), who have lost five of six and have



Buccaneers linebacker Barrett Ruud comes up with the loose ball after the snap for the potential tying extra point sailed past holder Hunter Smith and kicker Graham Gano.



**BEST CALL:** In the second quarter, after a steady diet of runs to Ryan Torain, the Redskins executed a slick play-action pass to Logan Paulsen on the fourth down from the 1 for a touchdown.

**WORST CALL:** Coach Mike Shanahan challenged a reception that was ruled incomplete on the field and lost, hurting his team's ability to stop the clock late in a tight game.

**WORST ADJUSTMENT:** The clock management was atrocious and cost the team vital points.

**D** This team can't get out of its own way and consistently shoots itself in the foot.





Ryan Torain is prevented from reaching the end zone by Tampa defenders Sunday.

dropped four-straight at home. They wasted a career-best 173-yard rushing day by Ryan Torain, with 158 yards coming in the first half.

The chilly day drew one of the sparsest crowds in recent Redskins history — never mind the official announced attendance of 66,124, the 90,000-seat stadium never looked more than half-full.

The first half was one simple, recurring plot line: Torain piled up the yards to move the Redskins downfield, only to have Graham Gano struggle with short field goals. It ended with the Redskins managing the clock poorly on their final possession of the half, using all their timeouts and committing a delay of game penalty with the ball at Tampa Bay's 2. Gano made his third try of the half — hooking in a 25-yarder just inside the upright. (AP)

	188	228	22 / 35	1	4 / 25	31:08
	RUSHING YARDS	PASSING YARDS	COMPLETIONS/ATTEMPTS	TURN-OVERS	PENALTIES/YARDS	TIME OF POSSESSION
	103	266	15 / 25	2	2 / 14	28:52

Sunday's Stars

**Ryan Torain** had a huge first half but was eventually slowed to a total of 173 run yards.



Josh Freeman

kept his team in it and excelled late, finishing 15-25 passing for 266 yards and one TD.





## Sunday Recap

WEEK 14

## Top Dogs



## Michael Turner, RB, Falcons

Turner, who sprained his ankle against Carolina last year and derailed his season as Atlanta missed the playoffs, had TD runs of 1, 3 and 4 yards in his fifth-straight 100-yard game against the Panthers. He carried 28 times for 112 yards in Atlanta's win.



## Darren McFadden, RB, Raiders

Looking like his old-Arkansas self, McFadden had three touchdown runs of at least 36 yards in Oakland's 38-31 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday. He finished with 123 yards on 16 carries.

## Injuries

## Aaron Rodgers QB, Packers

Green Bay (8-5) lost Rodgers and a game it needed to win for playoff positioning. The star QB was knocked out in the second quarter with his second concussion this season. Matt Flynn replaced Rodgers, but the Packers failed to score a touchdown as the Detroit Lions snapped a five-game losing streak and a 19-game skid against the NFC North. (AP)



## Scoreboard

Colts 30, Titans 28 (Thu.)

Bucs 17, Redskins 16

Bills 13, Browns 6

Falcons 31, Panthers 10

Lions 7, Packers 3

Jaguars 38, Raiders 31

Steelers 23, Bengals 7

For results of games that ended after deadline, visit [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

## A Snow Bowl in Chicago



Chicago Bears placekicker Robbie Gould practices field goals before Sunday's game against the New England Patriots. A major storm made for snowy conditions.

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**THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE GAMES** started by Brett Favre, who said his injured shoulder would have kept him from playing Sunday against the Giants. But snow collapsed the Metrodome, moving the game to Monday.

## Jags Inch Closer to Division Title

## Pro Football

Jacksonville's David Garrard threw three touchdown passes, Maurice Jones-Drew and Rashad Jennings each topped 100 yards rushing in a 38-31 victory over Oakland filled with big plays. The Jaguars overcame a 10-point deficit to win for the fifth time in the last six games, setting up a critical AFC South game at Indianapolis next week.

Jacksonville (8-5) stayed a game ahead of the Colts and can clinch the division title next week with a

victory and a loss by Houston. The Raiders (6-7) lost for the third time in four weeks and faded from post-season contention.

The Jaguars can thank Garrard, Jennings, Jones-Drew and a huge



defensive stand late for getting in position to clinch. There were six scoring plays of at least 30 yards in the game, including three by Oakland's Darren McFadden. (AP)

## TV Lineup

## PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M., ESPN)

The Baltimore Ravens need a win over the Houston Texans to stay in the hunt for the AFC North title after last week's loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)

The Detroit Red Wings, on top of the Central division, host the Los Angeles Kings — currently in last place of the tight Pacific Division.

## SOCCER (2:55 P.M., ESPN2)

Manchester United hosts Arsenal in the Premier League.

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# Sports

## Hoyas Rebound From First Loss

### Hoyas Hoops

Jason Clark scored 15 points, Austin Freeman added 14, and No. 9 Georgetown rebounded from its first loss of the season with an 89-60 victory over Appalachian State on Sunday.

Hollis Thompson and Nate Lubick added 11 points each, and Chris Wright had 12 assists for the Hoyas (9-1), who were coming off Thursday's 68-65 loss to Temple.

Donald Sims, the second-leading scorer in Division I at 27 points per game entering the game, was held to 4 for 14 from the field by Georgetown's defense. (AP)

## UMD. Stumbles In ACC Opener

### Terps Hoops

Biko Paris scored a career-high 22 points, Corey Raji drilled the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 33.7 seconds left, and Boston College defeated Maryland 79-75 Sunday in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

Boston College made 13 3-pointers (8-2, 1-0) in the ACC debut of first-year coach Steve Donahue.

Jordan Williams had a career-high 27 points and 13 rebounds for Maryland (7-4, 0-1). The Terrapins, who came in with a 15-game home winning streak, failed to score over the final 2:40. (AP)

## Knicks Keep Up Winning Ways



**AMARE STOUDEMIRE**, left, celebrates with teammate Wilson Chandler during the New York Knicks' 129-125 victory over the Phoenix Suns Sunday. Stoudemire had his eighth-straight 30-point game—all wins for the resurgent Knicks.

### Health



**URBAN MEYER** is walking away from Florida because of health concerns, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. Meyer has a recurring burning sensation in his chest that doctors told him last week would raise cardiovascular risk factors if he continued to coach, the person told The Associated Press Sunday. (AP)

## Virginia Commonwealth University

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## A Travel Agent Finds a New High

A frequent flier makes a landing in physical therapy

### Transitions

In the high-flying 1990s, Steve Kaplan was in charge of a lot of high-fliers' flying. As majority owner of Metro World Travel Services, a commercial travel management agency on D.C.'s Connecticut Avenue, he helped lawyers, corporate leaders, and trade association CEOs get around the country and around the world.

Catering to wheeler-dealers held its own excitement, and to keep up on trends, Kaplan went on free trips to some pretty exotic places himself. But travel was changing. As commissions fell and fewer Internet users needed travel agents, Kaplan's staff of 24 would have to be about three times that size to continue making the same revenue. "Do you want to work to live or live to work?" he mused.

In the late 1990s, Kaplan sold the firm in an "earn-out," which allowed him to stay another six to seven years, retaining old clients for the new firm and helping former employees cope with the management change. After

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Recently trained at Northern Virginia Community College, former travel agent Steve Kaplan now earns a living as a physical therapist assistant.

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# getting ahead

## A New High

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the 9/11 attacks further damaged the industry, he began weighing options in earnest. Two things he knew: He still wanted to help others but didn't want total success in his next career to equal his previous month's sales.

At Northern Virginia Community College, Kaplan first pursued a basic emergency medical technician certificate. But despite the fact even in his mid-50s he was used to working out five to seven days a week, Kaplan eventually realized that the aches and pains of EMT work and its "crazy hours" were more suited to a younger person.

Down the hall at NOVA's medical education campus in Springfield, he noticed students in the associate's program could become physical therapist assistants (703-822-6570, Nvcc.edu). This seemed like a better fit. Not the type to just quit, though, Kaplan completed his EMT license, and in fall 2003, he began five semesters of PTA study.

"It's quite common for our students to have a job offer at or before graduation," says Jody Gundrum, chair of NOVA's PTA program, whose tuition, books and fees total \$8,510 for Virginians with a bachelor's, \$11,000 without and quite a lot more for non-Virginians. The program covers anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, neuro-rehabilitation, pathology and more. After all, Kaplan notes, "you have to deal with the results of anything from a stroke or a hip replacement to a car accident or sports injury."

Reading and lectures are interspersed with "practicals," in which students must demonstrate a skill — say, taking range-of-motion measurements — in order to continue. Students form study groups for projects and such exercises as manual muscle testing. Half of "school" time is spent under supervision at three full-time, NOVA-arranged clinical affiliations, similar to apprenticeships. Kaplan's were at Fort Belvoir's PT clinic, an outpatient clinic in Arlington and a skilled-nursing facility in Crystal City.

With an aging population and



Using his five semesters of training from Northern Virginia Community College, physical therapist assistant Steve Kaplan searches for the root of a patient's ailment.



Working with a medicine ball helps heal the broken forearm of a football player.

a growing emphasis on fitness and wellness, the health field is booming, even in this economy. Physical therapist assistants make \$45,000 to \$48,000 to start, Gundrum says, and report high job satisfaction.

(Why become a PTA rather than a physical therapist? Much less time and money spent on training, says Kaplan: "Had I been in my 20s, I'd have gone to be a PT instead.")

Upon graduation in 2005, Kaplan

## \$45,000

A common starting wage for physical therapist assistants, says Jody Gundrum, chair of Northern Virginia Community College's physical therapy assistant program.

took the five-hour license exam right away and began a job at the outpatient PT clinic across the street from Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Once a PT diagnoses a patient and sets up a plan of care, Kaplan follows the plan, getting to know the patient over weeks or months. In addition to decreasing pain and accelerating healing, his work involves getting people into better daily habits: "Don't twist while sitting; move to retrieve things. Don't hunch over the keyboard. And walk across the lot rather than park close to your

building."

Besides standing and moving all day while advising others to do the same, how does physical therapist assistance relate to running a travel agency? There's pleasure in treating clients with patience and dignity, Kaplan says, and in both cases his role is, in part, to put clients' fears to rest while using specialized skills to help achieve their goals.

He recommends this field for people who want to have a direct effect on individuals. More than that, he's learned to catch himself slouching or leaning forward at a desk. And he knows what to do to both prevent and treat ailments — from slouching and in general. "Doing this is like being an auto mechanic for the body," says the Alexandria resident. "And there's always something new to learn."

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# Can't We All Just Get Along?

Tips for addressing and ending conflict in the workplace

## Resolution

Ever want to just slap that obnoxious co-worker of yours, the one who drones on and on in meetings and always shoots down every idea you have? It might make for a good daydream, but you don't have to be a Fortune 500 CEO to know that it wouldn't fly in reality.

We all react differently to conflict in the workplace. Some of us may prefer sitting in the corner and keeping our mouths shut. Others might imagine screaming or letting loose a string of profanities. And chances are with America's current economic crisis, conflict is something we're encountering more and more these days.

"Every time there's employment problems, when people are worried about their jobs, then tension is inevitable," says Kathleen Kelley Reardon, a business professor, consultant and author of "Comebacks at Work: Using Conversation to Master Confrontation" (\$25, Harper Business). "When you have more competition, people often feel they have to say something to another person to make them look less productive or less capable, so that their job is more secure."

If you want to be known for your Gandhi-like cool, not your Mel Gibson-style temper, what's the best way to deal with arguments, insults and snarky remarks? Often, it involves not saying much at all.

"The smart thing to do in any organization when you're confronted in a combative way is to take a breath and walk away," says James R. Bailey, chair of the Department of Management at the School of Business at George Washington University. "The other person is ramped up emotionally and wants an immediate confrontation. So, it really stuns them when the expect-



According to some experts, not all conflict in the boardroom is non-productive; some disagreement among employees is important, if not necessary, for a company to blossom.



The Society for Human Resource Management's Deborah Keary teaches Ryan Namata.

ed pattern doesn't happen. It also demonstrates at that moment that you're being the adult here."

Evaluate the situation and what was said. Was it a thoughtless but ultimately innocent statement, or a comment intentionally intended to be insulting? "There are times when someone is new and young and trying to establish their credibility, so they take a swipe at you," says Reardon. "Slapping down a person like that with a direct comeback is not going to be as effective as perhaps saying nothing."

A disagreement with a superior might require a different approach than a squabble with a peer. "My boss and I are quite direct with each

other, and I know that if I need to tell him something he isn't going to like, that I can just come out and say it," says Deborah Keary, director of human resources for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria (800-283-7476, [Shrm.org](http://Shrm.org)). "If it's someone you don't know so well, you might need to couch it more."

But even the boss shouldn't get a free pass to hurl insults or disrespectful comments. "There are times when you may have to say, 'I know you're the boss, but that doesn't mean anything goes,'" says Reardon. "By letting someone continue to insult you, you are saying to them that they have permission



to do this.”

In many cases, it's best to discuss things at a later time, after everyone has calmed down and had a chance to think. “Avoid trying to solve the problem on the spot; people are not in the best frame of mind to actually try to handle things,” says Edward J. Kopf, principal at Arlington-based BMC Associates (703-465-1262, [Bmcassociates.com](http://Bmcassociates.com)), which offers business mediation and collaboration services. “It can be very helpful to say something like, ‘I’d like to hear how you’re thinking and feeling about it, but I’m not going to try to reply right now, because I’d like to understand your point of view first.’”

When you do meet to discuss things, listen to the other person’s side of the story and ask for clarification and more information



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—DEBORAH KEARY, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

when needed. That should help you understand the issue at hand and work toward a solution.

“If you can agree on the problem, then you can get involved in a kind of teamwork to come up with options for how to address it,” says Kopf. “So, what you’re really doing here is creating a third story, the story of the two of you against

the problem. That puts you both on the same side of the table, and you’re more likely to get positive results.”

Of course, not all conflict is bad, and it’s actually vital for the success of a company. “If there’s no conflict, then the organization is pretty much dead,” Kopf says. “Nothing is changing; no prob-

lems are being discovered that could be fixed.”

The key is effectively addressing conflict that arises, especially for those in a supervisory position. “It’s important that a manager sets expectations that conflict is inevitable and that it’s not bad,” says Liz Berney, president of Rockville-based Berney Associates (301-

424-4633, [Berneyassoc.com](http://Berneyassoc.com)), an organization development and management training company. “Then set some ground rules. Expect people to talk directly to other people. If that’s hard to do, then they should come see you and you can help get a facilitator or a mediator or bring in someone from human resources.”

If you do lose your cool or get into a verbal sparring match with a co-worker that goes too far, own up to it right away. “In my experience, the hardest three words to utter in the English language are ‘I am sorry,’” Bailey says. “And yet they are incredibly powerful words. There’s nothing more disarming than somebody coming to you and saying, ‘I’m sorry,’ especially if they know they misbehaved.” **BETH LUBERECKI**

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**"A lot of times, when you speak to these people, they're such beautiful storytellers, and their stories are so touching. But there's generally a disconnect when it's time to put it on paper."**

— **TEE NWOZO** OF LAUREL, MD., A FREELANCE EDITOR OF COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS FOR NEW YORK-BASED PENN & PAPER.

JASON HORNICK

to these people, they're such beautiful storytellers, and their stories are so touching," says Tee Nwozo, of Laurel, Md., a freelance editor of college application essays for New York-based Penn & Paper. "But there's generally a disconnect when it's time to put it on paper."

What students often need is a coach, editors say, someone to help them brainstorm, build a structure and bring their voice to the foreground.

And that person doesn't need to be a professional editor or writer — Nwozo is an HR consultant. But she's well versed in the fundamentals and has survived the admissions gantlet herself at



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the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University, from which she graduated with a master of business administration degree this spring.

For someone with a specialty (such as Nwozo, who works mostly with business school applicants), “this is a great thing to do on the side,” says China Okasi, owner of Penn & Paper, “because the applicants just eat that up — then they can ask questions not just about the process but beyond to someone who’s actually lived it.”

It also can be more lucrative. Pay for Okasi’s generalists starts

at \$20 to \$30 per hour, she says, and the editor’s cut goes “significantly up” from there.

The recently launched Transcend Academy, in D.C., pays a base of \$25 per hour and trains its “admissions advisers” in editing, test prep and other services they provide. (At both companies, when a client buys a package deal, the editor is paid a percentage.)

Of course, it doesn’t hurt to be a professional writer or teacher.

“When you sit down to write a ‘masterpiece that determines the rest of your life,’ that’s really intimidating,” says Chloe Yelena Miller, an

adjunct writing professor at George Mason University and other schools, who also handles admissions essays as a writing coach.

Students sometimes “feel the need to draw such large conclusions about the whole world,” says Miller, “and it’s important to kind of bring them back to their own experiences ... and not just mimic all of the promotional materials that they’ve been reading about the school.”

Miller, who has a graduate writing degree, works independent of a company and charges \$100 an hour.

A recent transplant to D.C. from Michigan, most of her clients are out of town, but she’s found it just as easy to provide her services over the Web, via e-mail or Skype. She maintains a blog and Twitter feed to help generate business, and she uses Craigslist to reach outside D.C., to areas where there might be less competition.

Beyond mastering the artful touch of an editor, experience at any phase of the admissions process can be helpful. Miller, for instance, interviewed prospective students as a volunteer alumni recruiter after getting her bachelor’s.

Essay editors also need the patience to shepherd sometimes-panicky students (and their panicky parents), and a balance of encouragement and discipline to prod students who don’t intend to do much writing at all.

“They try to sort of test you,” piling on frustrations in the hope that the editor will just do the writing, says Nwozo. But she, and the others interviewed for this article, refuse to budge. “We want to make sure that you come away with the skill,” she says, “and we want to make sure your voice is there.”

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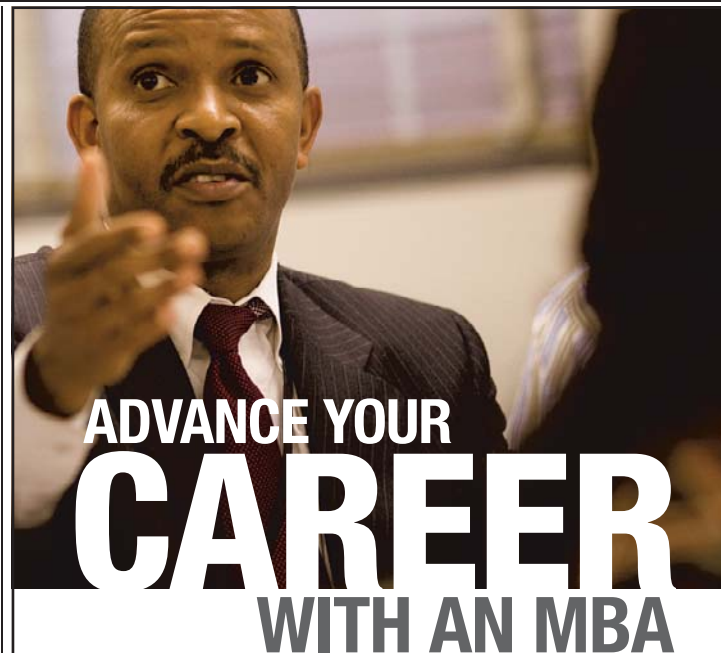


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Instructor Kazuko Kano, far right, teaches a Japanese Calligraphy class to students at Seichou Karate in Alexandria.

That Inking Feeling

The quiet, meditative flow of Japanese calligraphy makes it a relaxing art form

Classes

The trick to creating the flowing strokes of Japanese calligraphy is to realize it's less about writing and more about art.

Start small, says Kazuko Kano, a master calligrapher and director of Japanese calligraphic arts at Seichou Karate. "First I teach basic strokes, simple Chinese characters," says Kano, who also does calligraphy by request as a freelancer. "Later, four or five years later, people can start to learn cursive style, which is more artistic, maybe like a penmanship."

To become a master calligrapher like her, you'll have to get a license from the Japan Calligraphy Education Foundation. "It



Instructor Kazuko Kano stresses the importance of proper form during class.

took almost 10 years to get that license. You have to be very, very patient," says Kano, 34, who started doing calligraphy at age 6.

Through her weekly Japanese Calligraphy classes, she can help you get started down that long path.

**THE BASICS:** During the class — open to four or five students at a time — Kano teaches the three Japanese alphabets: Chinese characters (or kanji), hiragana and katagana. The latter two are more rounded in appearance.

"I teach Chinese characters first because I think it's more common and popular in this country," she says. "My class is very flexible and also depends on the students, what they want to learn."

"For example, a high school student wants to learn Chinese characters more than drawing calligraphy. So, I focus on teaching him the language and give him a mastery test, a quiz. But another student is more interested in art, so I'm going to give her more advanced work. I'm going to introduce more artistic styles, more cursive styles. Some people want to take the class as a kind of meditation. You're just enjoying class, just getting relaxed."

She provides all the materials — rice paper, ink, inkwells and

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brushes — but a take-home kit is available for \$42.

No experience is necessary, although students with a background in art often have an easier time with the strokes, Kano says. “Some people have experience with art and it’s easy for them to draw strokes. Some people have no idea and need to take time to get used to the ink and brush.”

**WHAT YOU’LL LEARN:** Kano goes over how to hold the paintbrush. “Holding a brush is very different from holding a pen,” she says. Hold it in the middle



Students aim to be able to copy a brief poem by the end of the course (10 lessons).

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between the thumb and pointer and middle fingers with space in your palm. “The brush has to always be straight when you write and lift your elbow, but your shoulder has to be relaxed.”

She distributes cards with a character on them for students to use as a guide. “First, I teach a simple stroke with vertical lines and horizontal lines,” such as the character for mountain or river,” she says. “They can practice, and when they’re finished, I can introduce another character that’s more advanced, with five or six strokes. After that, you can get more and

more complicated.”

Students work up to being able to copy a short poem, but at the end of a class, they can expect to have learned the meanings and strokes for six characters.

**WHAT’S THE DEAL?:** Kano’s next Japanese Calligraphy class is Jan. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Seichou Karate, located at 807 N. Royal St. in Alexandria. The class is free for people enrolled in the core karate and \$200 for 10 lessons for those who are not. Register at Seichoukarate.com. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

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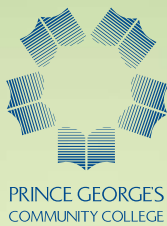
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Laura Gaver stands amid Christmas trees she helped grow at Gaver Tree Farm, owned and operated by her family since 1984.

All in the Family

Steal This Job

Laura Gaver, 23

**JOB:** Christmas tree farmer at Gaver Tree Farm (5501 Detrick Road, Mt. Airy, Md.; 301-865-3515; Gavertree-farm.com)

**SALARY:** Median weekly earnings of \$775 in 2008, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 2010-11 Occupational Outlook Handbook.

**WHAT SHE DOES:** For Gaver, there's no lazing around the day after Thanksgiving. That's when her selling season begins, and hundreds of trees from 60 acres of her family's farm must be ready to go to good homes.

"That time of year, we're finishing up with shearing and getting the finishes touches of mowing done," Gaver says, adding that shearing means shaping the tree. "We basically want to make them look conical."

Christmas tree care is a year-round job. Seeds are planted in the spring, and on average it takes 10 years until they're ornament-worthy. During that time, Gaver helps maintain her arboreal charges mainly through periodic shearing. The type

**“The best education I had for tree farming was growing up on the farm and learning from my parents. But there’s constantly new things to learn, things in science that you constantly have to be reading up on. It’s really constant learning.”**

of tree determines the type of care, she says. Pine trees get sheared in the summer, and fir and spruce wait for late fall.

"When you're out shearing, it gives you a chance to look at the trees and see if there's any pests that are in the tree field or if there's a weed," Gaver says. "Just the act of going through each tree is a good management process on the farm."

A fourth-generation farmer, she should know. Since 1984, family-owned and operated Gaver Tree Farm has sold thousands of trees. This year's trees range in size from 4 to 12 feet tall and in price from \$30 to \$60. They come pre-cut, or shoppers can cut their own.

Gaver's role on the farm extends beyond trees. She helps with all aspects, including the corn, soybeans, wheat, barley and hay crops, and she manages its animals, including a beef

herd and dairy heifers. Christmas tree farming makes up only about 10 percent of the farm's income.

A member of Virginia Tech's class of 2009 with degrees in dairy science and accounting, Gaver also puts her business chops to work managing the farm's marketing. That means designing ads and corresponding with print ad companies; updating and creating Internet listings; social networking for the farm; and designing brochures. She also created and maintains the farm's website.

**WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?**

After school, Gaver considered a career in accounting but decided to return to the farm with the goal of taking over from her parents one day, along with her brother, Greg, who is studying economics and plant science at the University of Maryland. "It's kind of exciting to think about seeing the next generation on the farm," she says.



It's also a lot of hard hands-on work. "It's very labor-intensive, and being a farmer you don't really get days off," Gaver says. But "I enjoy the long hours and working outside. You kind of get to be your own boss, which is nice. But there are a good many risks you have to consider."

Such as the weather. "We had a horrible drought this summer, so it made a lot more work for us on the farm," Gaver adds, not to mention all the days of 90-plus-degree temperatures that made outdoor work dangerous.

Predicting customer preferences is a challenge, too. "For Christmas trees, if I decide to plant a kind of tree



A farmworker wheels a Christmas tree that has finally reached conical perfection.

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this year, it's not going to be ready for 12 years, so it's hard to expect what consumer demand is going to be that far down the road."

**HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB:** Gaver has degrees in dairy science and accounting, and took horticulture classes at Virginia Tech, but she got to skip writing cover letters and resumes. She just talked to Mom (Lisa) and Dad (Michael), who started the farm with his grandfather in 1978.

"The best education I had for tree farming was growing up on the farm and learning from my parents," Gaver says. "But there's constantly new things to learn, things in science that

you constantly have to be reading up on. It's really constant learning."

**HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:**

Gaver recommends doing an apprenticeship or shadowing a tree farmer to get an idea of the work. It's important to understand pest and disease control, soil requirements, and overall tree care. Courses in horticulture and farming can help, but for details, network with experts at the National Christmas Tree Association (christmastree.org) or local groups such as the Maryland Christmas Tree Association (Marylandchristmastrees.org), of which Lisa Gaver is vice president.

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# Instant Replayability

Much like a circuitous "Full House" episode, the year in TV was filled with seemingly momentous crises that were quickly resolved, forgiven or forgotten. See: the Jay Leno-Conan O'Brien flap. The start of Oprah's last season. And, of course, the day we lost "Lost." With those ultimately ho-hum happenings behind us, we compiled a list of 2010's best series — and included where you can catch up on episodes past. (EXPRESS STAFF)

## BEST OF 2010

### "Raising Hope" (FOX)

As soon as we laid eyes on the adorably expressive baby, Hope (played by no less than four tiny actors), we were hooked on Fox's new offbeat family comedy.

**GET IT:** HULU, HULU+, ITUNES.

### "Boardwalk Empire" (HBO)

The attention to detail in HBO's Prohibition-era drama satisfies the geeky cultural history nut in us, while the "Sopranos"-esque story line appeals to our fascination with moral ambiguity. **GET IT:** HBO ON DEMAND.

### "Caprica" (SYFY)

"Battlestar Galactica's" prequel is the fall of the Roman empire, in space. You've got slaves (the robots that destroy civilization in "BG"), growing monotheism, a moral vacuum and lots o' corruption. **GET IT:** DVD, ITUNES.

### "Futurama" (COMEDY CENTRAL)

This animated series set 1,000 years hence started on Fox in 1999, arose for four DVD movies



### Worst TV of 2010

#### "Top Gear" (HIST)

Americans ruin a great British import by taking the smart, hilarious "Top Gear" and turning it into a testosterone-fueled stupid fest not even gearheads could tolerate, thanks to three hosts with no chemistry and a complete lack of the silly fun of the Brit series.

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### "Doctor Who" (BBC AMERICA)

The casting of a new Doctor sends Britain into a mass panic only approximated by this year's "American Idol" upheaval. Fans

warmed to Matt Smith and the fifth series, which has the requisite crazy hair, madcap exposition and hot female sidekick. **GET IT:** DVD, ITUNES.

### "The Walking Dead" (AMC)

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### "Sherlock" (PBS)

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### "The League" (FX)

There's no limit to absurdity on "The League," which makes the gross-out humor and increasingly ridiculous predicaments of five fantasy football devotees all the more funny. **GET IT:** DVD, ITUNES, HULU.

### "Treme" (HBO)

Set in the bleak confines of post-Katrina New Orleans, "Treme's" musical performances give the series its joyful soul; creator David Simon's writing keeps it grounded in reality.

### The Event (ABC)

Bereaved "Lost" fans can find solace in "The Event," which combines undercover aliens, an explosion or two each week, and a morass of conspiracy and confusion. **GET IT:** ITUNES, HULU.





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Bon Jovi appears to be hitting its stride as a touring act 26 years after its debut.

## Bon Jovi Rakes It in on the Road

For the second time in three years, the band is the top touring act

### Music

Since 1986, only two bands have claimed the honor as the top-grossing act twice in three years: the Rolling Stones (1998 and 1999) and the Grateful Dead (1991 and 1993).

But this year, another act can claim that title: Bon Jovi.

For the second time in three years, Bon Jovi ranks as the highest-grossing touring act. The band's achievement, this year and previously in 2008, demonstrates that, remarkably, the group is hitting its touring peak 26 years after releasing its debut album.

Ranking at No. 1 on Billboard's year-end Top 25 Tours chart with the Circle trek carries more cachet with the industry than with fans, Jon Bon Jovi acknowledges.

"It's funny, because there's obviously a part of you that's very proud of it," says the singer, calling from Japan after the band's two sellout shows at the Tokyo Dome.

**"In the industry, it means something; it doesn't mean anything to the public. But in the industry, all your peers are going to look at it."**

"In the industry, it means something; it doesn't mean anything to the public. But in the industry, all your peers are going to look at it. They're going to see some kind of year-end charts for everything: albums, singles, touring. It's a very nice industry asterisk, for sure."

Bon Jovi says fans don't come to shows just because the band is the top touring act.

"They come to see it because they've seen it before and they're willing to spend their disposable dollars," he says, adding that the band doesn't set out to top the Boxscore charts. "You can't think about it. In order to break records, you have to just do it to satisfy the need." **RAY WADDELL (BILLBOARD)**

## Channelling Yogi

Dan Aykroyd lends his voice to the classic Hanna-Barbera toon in an upcoming movie

### Actor Q&A

Dan Aykroyd burst onto the scene 35 years ago as an original cast member of "Saturday Night Live" and established himself as a comedic star in "The Blues Brothers" and "Ghostbusters."



Aykroyd

He now provides the voice of Yogi Bear in the animated/live action movie "Yogi Bear" (out Friday) opposite Justin Timberlake as Boo Boo.

**Did you grow up watching Hanna-Barbera's "Yogi Bear" cartoons?**

I did. I grew up in a town in Canada called Hull, Quebec, which basically is on the same latitude as Moscow, so the winters were quite harsh. I used to start my mornings zipped into a snowsuit, gloves and boots, and set off through the woods [to go to school]. We lived on the edge of a national park, so I had to pass a den of wolves and walk down a steep cliff that was full of stumps and rocks. ... I also had to walk through a bad neighborhood full of kids who would grab my books, throw them on the ground and beat me up. When I got to school, I had to take my pants off and put them on a radiator because they were frozen. At 3 p.m., I did all this in reverse. When I got home, I would turn on the TV and watch "Yogi Bear." That was my only joy as a child.



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A fan since childhood, Dan Aykroyd says he jumped at the chance to voice Yogi Bear.

**"Let me put it this way: The Yogi character and the voice are subliminally infused in me."**

**Were there any episodes of the show you specifically remember?**

There were so many. Let me put it this way: The Yogi character and the voice are subliminally infused in me. It wasn't so much one episode; it was all the episodes. I loved them all, and I watched them all as a kid and have it in my being. So, when I first heard they were making this movie, I said to my agent, "I want you to track this and make sure we get this movie into our portfolio, because I know how to do this voice." When I walked into the audition, they just heard my voice and my characterization, and they hired me to do the job. Then the

real work began. I took the vocal characterization and backed it up with my acting ability and followed the director's orders to a T. I also built a relationship with Boo Boo. Justin brought his acting chops to the table, and we were able to build a relationship.

**Did you and Justin try to re-create the original characters, or did you bring your own ideas about how to portray them?**

Of course, we wanted to be as accurate to the original as much as we could. Justin's got a dry kind of wit. His Boo Boo is kind of dry and very reserved. I'm kind of a hysteric in life, and Yogi has a wild side to him. I often compare the two to Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. Sherlock Holmes has all these schemes and ideas, and it's Watson that kind of cautions him and keeps him grounded. So, I'm Sherlock Holmes, and Boo Boo is Dr. Watson. **PETERSON GONZAGA (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)**

### TV Beat



**Beached:** David Hasselhoff's reality show has been yanked from the A&E Network after only two episodes. Eight completed episodes will remain unaired. "The Hasselhoffs" featured the actor and his two daughters, who are aspiring to get into showbiz. The Nielsen Co. says the first episode was seen by 718,000 viewers, and the audience sank to 505,000 the second week. (AP)



# TV tonight **lookout**

## Best Bets

**CBS**  
**9:00**

**Two and a Half Men** Jane Lynch, right, reprises her Emmy-nominated role as Charlie's therapist, Dr. Freeman. Charlie seeks out her help after his breakup with Courtney sends him into depression.



**A&E**  
**9:00**

**Intervention** It's train-wreck television, but this show has struck a chord with viewers, who have kept it on the air for several seasons. Tonight, it starts a new one with the story of Rachel, a drug addict who lives on the streets and is offered a second chance when her father organizes an intervention to help her get clean.

**CBS**  
**10:00**



**Hawaii Five-0** Victor Hesse — the man who murdered McGarrett's father — resurfaces and initiates a tense hostage situation when he makes a malevolent yuletide delivery: an explosive he has strapped to Chin Ho's chest. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



"AMERICAN IDOL"

## Here Comes Trouble

"American Idol" producers are planning more changes for the 10th season, which begins in January. "Transparency" is the theme this year: It means producers are looking to add behind-the-scenes elements and find ways to have the singers interact with fans. The Top 12 will live together in one house and will be allowed to chat with fans via Twitter. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

## What a Mess

### Starting Young

In a new episode of "Hoarders" (10 p.m. on A&E), viewers meet Shania, who's only 14 and already has a three-room hoard. Her parents are hoarders, too, but Mom has decided it stops here. Also featured is Andrew, whose home in an upscale neighborhood is an eyesore with a cluttered interior and exterior, no running water, and a homeless man living in the front yard. His brother has called Adult Protective Services, which will take him away if he doesn't clean up his act. (TM)

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Blog Log



**"The Tourist's' mega-stars, ravishing scenery and elegant features of jewels, tuxedos and gowns can't make up for its slow and simple plot."**

— [BLOG.MUCHMUSIC.COM](http://BLOG.MUCHMUSIC.COM) WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE MOVIE STARRING JOHNNY DEPP AND ANGELINA JOLIE, BOTH PICTURED ABOVE.

"In a bit of news that should make you puke up stomach acid, Robert Pattinson expressed interest in rapping with Eminem. Hmmm, bad boy from the streets of Detroit busting rhymes with a girly looking glitterboy from the 'Twilight' series. Not certain how that would work."

— [BSCREVIEW.COM](http://BSCREVIEW.COM) IS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO A POTENTIAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ACTOR AND THE RECORDING ARTIST.



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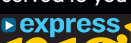
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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There are certain issues that are best left unmentioned, even though they are central to the current situation.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You'll be required to make a decision at the last minute, mostly because someone else dropped the ball.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You can take care of two important errands in one trip, and in the process you'll make a discovery about the day's plans.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** The thrill of discovery can be yours, provided you don't shy away from a situation that may appear a bit dangerous at first.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It's time to admit that you need a certain amount of help in order to extricate yourself from an embarrassing but amusing situation.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may not be able to determine what the next step will be, because you haven't completed the first part of the journey.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Alternatives are presented to you all day long, but you're going to want to stay the course and prove that you have what it takes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You will be the one to deal with the big issues, especially where family members are concerned. Your thought process is clear.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** An interruption early in the day has you working to beat the clock later on as you take on more than one task at a time.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You're likely to reach a peak of sorts earlier than expected, but you may be able to relive the experience later on as well.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Excuses are not for you. You'll want to move ahead with confidence, keeping your primary objective squarely in your sights.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You may be able to succeed where others have failed, because of your unique strategy and tactics. The task is tailor-made for you.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 200-210, BEST SCORE 283

E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>

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RACK 1

A <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>

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RACK 2

I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>

Triple  
Word Score

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RACK 3

E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>

1st Letter  
Double

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RACK 4

### Friday's Solution

B <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>	RACK 1 =	84
F <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>		RACK 2 =	11
S <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	RACK 3 =	64
C <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL 224

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Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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	7		8		6		5	
4								8
1				3				2
			8	7	2	1	3	
		1	9			8	2	
		7	3	4	5	6		
3				8				6
7								9
	6		2		9		7	

### Friday's Solution

9	3	4	8	6	1	5	2	7
7	5	8	9	3	2	4	6	1
2	6	1	7	4	5	3	8	9
5	4	9	1	2	6	7	3	8
8	2	3	4	5	7	9	1	6
6	1	7	3	9	8	2	5	4
3	8	5	6	7	4	1	9	2
1	7	2	5	8	9	6	4	3
4	9	6	2	1	3	8	7	5

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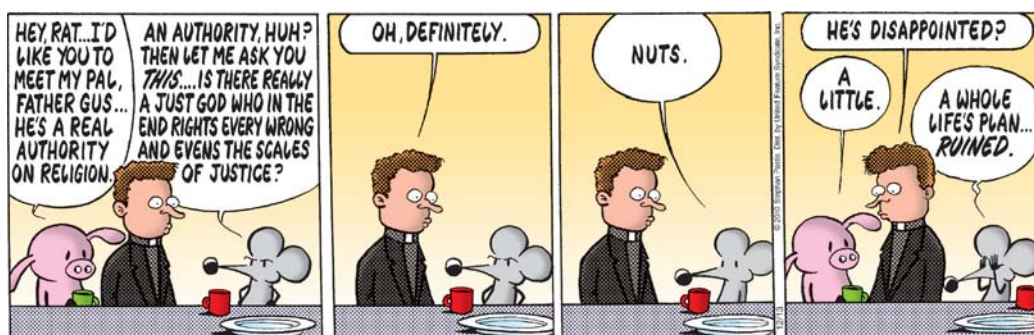
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## Forecast

**36 | 20**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy, windy and colder today. Windy tonight.

**31 | 19**

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny, windy and cold tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead



**WED** **THU** **FRI**  
**33 | 23 39 | 30 46 | 29**

**Sun and Moon**  
Sunrise today: 7:18 a.m.  
Sunset today: 4:47 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 11:59 a.m.  
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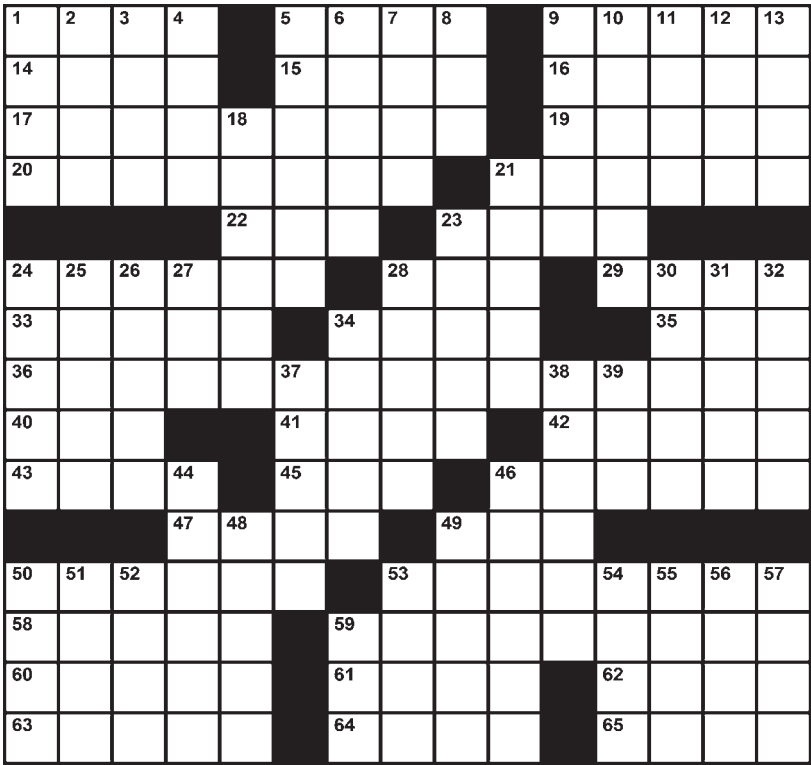
SPLIT PEAS

ACROSS

- 1 Distressed?
- 5 Life of Riley
- 9 Young swine
- 14 Hodgepodge
- 15 Cashews and filberts
- 16 Get really dry
- 17 High-payout wagers
- 19 City near Boys Town
- 20 Davy Jones' locker
- 21 Sneeze inducer
- 22 Commercial pitches
- 23 Cry while holding an iron
- 24 Ranchero's wrap (var.)
- 28 Wire-thickness unit
- 29 Plumbing feature
- 33 Seed covers
- 34 A lot
- 35 Blood classification syst.
- 36 Oft-delivered meals
- 40 It's its own square
- 41 He gave us a lift
- 42 Symbol of Wild West justice
- 43 Verbal venting
- 45 Emmy winner Arthur
- 46 Warehoused
- 47 Horizontal entrance to a mine
- 49 Nonetheless, for short
- 50 Ratty crowd
- 53 Private place?
- 58 Keep up with the times
- 59 Use a stage name of
- 60 Congregational areas
- 61 Where most people live
- 62 Sacred Nile bird
- 63 Manicurist's abrasive
- 64 Show signs of awakening
- 65 Suddenly run away

DOWN

- 1 Hits on the noggin
- 2 How a ship may be turned
- 3 Turkey bill
- 4 Tip politely, as a hat
- 5 Secure, as information
- 6 Motor Trend topics



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- 7 Rigel or Deneb
- 8 The beginning or end of "Spartacus"
- 9 Trail left by a wild animal
- 10 "To be, or not to be" speaker
- 11 Kind of tradition
- 12 Workout aftermath, maybe
- 13 Contrast word
- 18 Tick down
- 21 Tentacled creature
- 23 Conclusion, in Cannes
- 24 It's a matter of taste
- 25 Field of endeavor
- 26 Go from green to red, often
- 27 Lofty peak
- 28 Nation-sweeping event
- 30 Nick's creator?
- 31 Disparage
- 32 Sat still for
- 34 Church choral work
- 37 Dick Grayson, at times
- 38 Excluding nothing
- 39 Chaotic place
- 44 Meddle (with)
- 46 Ram's horn used on Rosh Hashanah
- 48 Scatterbrained
- 49 Shinto temple entrance
- 50 Windsock alternative
- 51 Cheese type
- 52 Techno setting
- 53 Optimal
- 54 Where an innocent one

- is kept behind bars
- 55 Pulpit of yore
- 56 Vacationer's accumulation
- 57 Attention-getting noise
- 59 Sound systems, for short

Friday's Solution



Today in History

**2000** Republican George W. Bush claims the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shuts down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida; Democrat Al Gore concedes, delivering a call for national unity.

**2003** Saddam Hussein is captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

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## AILING

**Soft Focus  
Tragically Afflicts  
Engaged Couple**

Two portraits of Prince William and Kate Middleton by photographer Mario Testino were released by Sunday. Testino said the couple appeared "in their prime and brimming with happiness," and "I have never felt so much joy as when I see them together." (AP)



The giant ring wore two fashionable young people.

## PUBLICITY

**24-Hour MileyCam Has  
Unfortunate Consequences**

A video released by TMZ.com Friday allegedly showing Miley Cyrus smoking salvia from a bong has saddened her father. "I'm so sad," he tweeted Friday. "There is much beyond my control right now." In the video, Miley, 18, notes "OK, I'm about to lose it now" after her first hit. Later, she says, "I'm having a little bit of a trip right now." Salvia is legal in California. (EXPRESS)



Salvia may lead to your shoulders appearing unusually broad in photos.

**Dirtbag Digest****'Jersey Shore'  
Vaccine Eludes  
Top Scientists**

A woman told Radaronline.com that Angelina Pivarnick of "Jersey Shore" threw a drink in her face and knocked her out. Melissa Mayne says Pivarnick was "just acting really crazy." Pivarnick says Mayne hit HER and that "she never got knocked out and ... said, 'I'm going to take all your money.'" (EXPRESS)



Why was there an elephant at their wedding? The tabloids have failed us.

## DON'T ASK

**Elephant Included**

Nicole Richie and Joel Madden got married Saturday at Lionel Richie's home in Beverly Hills, Calif. Here is everything you need to know, courtesy Usmagazine.com and People.com: There were about 130 guests, including Gwen Stefani, Khloe Kardashian and Sam Ronson. There was an elephant, though news reports did not say why at Express' press time. Her wedding dress was by Marchesa. The couple's rings were by Neil Lane. The officiant was Rev. Run of Run-D.M.C., a practicing minister. (EXPRESS)



## KINDNESS

**Newborn Child Is ALREADY  
Sick of Hearing This Story**

Chris Rock helped calm a woman whose water broke in a New Jersey mall Friday, Usmagazine.com reported. The comedian was shopping at Neiman Marcus in the Garden State Plaza shopping center. He soothed the woman — who recognized him — and a crowd of shoppers with jokes until paramedics arrived to take the woman to the hospital. (EXPRESS)

**"Who doesn't like  
pancakes? We were  
both performing in  
the same place, so  
we went and had  
pancakes together.  
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— **SELENA GOMEZ**  
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REPORTS THAT SHE  
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